

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and comments. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, and 13 were pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended and claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 6, 8-10, and 13 are pending.

The Final Office Action dated July 9, 2001 and Board of Appeals Ruling dated May 5, 2005 stated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 1 which now incorporates the limitation which was recited in claim 4. Applicants, therefore, have cancelled claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

**ADDITIONAL FEE**

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

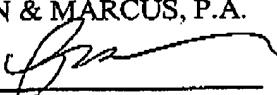
**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing remarks it is believed that the claim is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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